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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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9/ 9/5436METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSURING DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC  
DOCUMENTS IN A NETWORK DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

5 A method, apparatus, and computer implementable  
instructions for insuring delivery of an electronic  
document in a data processing system. A request is  
received from a requestor to insure delivery of the  
electronic document. In response to receiving the  
request, a payment amount to insure delivery is  
10 identified based on network characteristics of a network  
in which the electronic document is to be transmitted.  
An acknowledgment of the electronic document is sent to  
the requestor, wherein the acknowledgment includes the  
payment amount. The electronic document is delivered in  
15 response to receiving a reply to the acknowledgment from  
the requestor accepting the identification of the payment  
amount. The requestor is notified of a successful  
delivery of the electronic document in response to  
receiving an acknowledgment from the recipient.

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